

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Re: Application of: Hassan MOHAMMAD  
Serial No.: 10/517,858  
Filed: June 18, 2003  
For: **GASTRORETENTIVE DRUG DELIVERY SYSTEM  
COMPRISING AN EXTRUDED HYDRATABLE  
POLYMER**  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)**

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action that was mailed by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on March 4, 2009, for (3) three months from June 4, 2009 to September 4, 2009. This petition is being filed to maintain pendency of the above-referenced application in order to file a continuation application.

This Petition for Extension is being submitted along with a payment of the three (3) months extension fee. If it is determined that any additional fees are due or if any fees have been overpaid, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the deficiency or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0552.

Respectfully submitted,  
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